

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Electric Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-10-657

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action, and, on the **27th** day of **January, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Order on Interim Rates

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Matthew Loftus
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall 5th Floor
Minneapolis MN 55401

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9238 0507

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **27th** day of **January, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Debra Paulson
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis MN 55401

Dave Sederquist
Northern States Power Company
PO Box 2747
Fargo ND 58708

Mitchell Armstrong
Smith Bakke Porsborg
Schweigert & Armstrong
116 North 2nd Street
Bismarck ND 58501-3817

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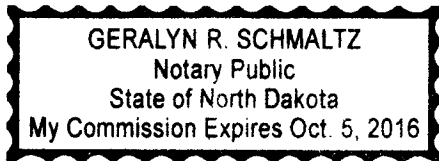
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 27th day of **January, 2011**.

Cara DeHaye

Geraldine Schmaltz
Notary Public

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ORDER ON INTERIM RATES

January 26, 2011

On December 20, 2010, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application to increase its electric rates including an interim rate increase.

Under N.D.C.C. §49-05-06(2) a company filing for a rate increase is entitled to an interim increase, but the rate increase must meet certain criteria. These include: the same rate of return on common equity authorized by the Commission in the public utility's most recent rate proceeding; rate base and expense items the same in nature and kind allowed by the Commission in its most recent rate proceeding and; no change in the existing rate design.

NSP's interim rate increase is based on a projected 2011 test year and seeks an increase in annual revenue collections of \$17,355,000, or an overall increase in retail revenues of 10.55%. To accomplish this, NSP filed an Interim Rate Adjustment of 16.71% to be applied to the non-fuel portion of the bill (the customer charge, demand charge, and energy charge). The monthly bill for a non-space-heating residential customer with electric usage of 750 kilowatt-hours would increase approximately \$7.19. The Interim Rate Adjustment will be shown as a separate line item on customers' bills.

On January 19, 2011, the Commission's advocacy staff filed comments stating that NSP's interim rate request should be approved.

In the event the interim rate amounts collected by NSP are in excess of the final rates approved by the Commission, NSP is required to refund the excess under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(4), including interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

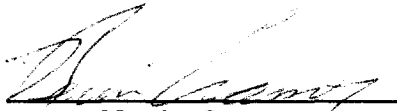
Order

The Commission orders:

1. Northern States Power Company's proposed interim rate increase is approved to increase annual revenue collections by \$17,355,000.
2. Northern States Power Company's proposed interim rates shall be effective for service rendered on or after February 18, 2011.

3. Northern States Power Company is not required to obtain a bond under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(3) to secure a refund required under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(4).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**

Absent

**Tony Clark
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner**